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KINSHASA FOR US DELEGATION TO ECA

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SUBJ: UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA) MEETING,
KINSHASA, FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 3, 1977/SENEGAL

1. SOMALGO SENBQALESE DELEGATION TO ECA CONFERENCE WILL BE
HEADED BY MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND COOPERATION OUSMANE
SECK. GOS OFFICIAL INDICATES SENEGAL VIEWS SESSION AS
ROUTINE BIENNIAL MEETING. DELEGATION LIKELY TO PURSUE
GENERAL THEMES OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND
NIEO. WHILE FAVORING CONTINUING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE,
SENEGALESE HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH POSITIONS
TAKEN BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING COMMUNIST
STATES, IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH LDC'S ON NIEO. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY, GOS DELEGATION
TO ECA MINISTERIAL WILL BE HEADED BY OUSMANE SECK, MINISTER
FOR PLANNING AND COOPERATION. SECK HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY
(INCLUDING SEVERAL VISITS TO US TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS)
AND HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HE
VISITED PEKING THREE YEARS AGO TO SIGN BILATERAL
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ECONOMIC ACCORDS. SECK IS PROTEGE OF PRIME MINISTER AND
IS POLITICAL MODERATE KNOWN FOR TECHNICAL COMPETENCE
AND EFFICIENTLY BY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR
WHOM HE IS PRINCIPAL GOS CONTACT. SECK, HOWEVER, HAS NOT
NORMALLY LED MOST GOS DELEGATIONS TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES
(WHERE SENEGAL OFTEN REPRESENTED BY FINANCE MINISTER BA).

DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE MOUSTAPHA NDIAYE, CABINET DIRECTOR IN MINISTRY OF PLANNING, AND UNNAMED SENIOR STAFF OFFICER FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE. SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT GOS REGARDED ECA SESSION AS ROUTINE BUSINESS -AS-USUAL AND DID NOT PLAN MAJOR INITIATIVES.

3. TWO PRINCIPAL POINTS PURSUED BY SENEGALESE DELEGATION LIKELY TO BE REGIONAL COOPERATION AND LDC-DC DIALOGUE. REGARDING FORMER, SENEGALESE HAVE CONSTRUCTED PRODUCTIVE TIES WITH MOST OF THEIR NEIGHBORS AND HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF CEAO AND CEDEAO. THEY FAVOR SIMULTANEOUS EVOLUTION OF BOTH GROUPINGS, EXPANDING THE LATTER AS FAR AS ZAIRE AND PERHAPS ANGOLA AS COUNTERWEIGHTS TO NIGERIA.

4. SINCE FEBRUARY 1975 DAKAR COMMODITIES CONFERENCE, WHICH REPRESENTED MAJOR STEP IN FORMULATION OF LDC ECONOMIC DEMENDS, SENEGAL HAS BEEN VIGOROUS ADVOCATE OF NIEO (WHICH IT UNIQUELY ASSOCIATES WITH CALLS FOR A "NEW INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ORDER" AS WELL). DETERIORATION OF LDC TERMS OF TRADE IS A SENEGALESE ARTICLE OF FAITH (76 DAKAR A-90). INDEXATION OF RAW MATERIALS AND SOME SORT OF GENERAL DEBT RELIEF FOR POOREST COUNTRIES ARE REGARDED AS IMPORTANT NIEO ELEMENTS. IN NORTH-SOUTH TALKS, GOS SUPPORTS PROCESS OF DIALOGUE AND AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION, BUT HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF PACE AND CONTENT OF CIEC. INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN CRITICIZED FOR UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE NECESSARY CONCESSIONS (76 DAKAR A-116). MOST RECENT REPE- TITION OF THIS THEME OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY 15, WHEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESIDENT SENGHOR EXPRESSED IN CABINET MEETING HIS CONCERN (INQUIETUDE") CONCERNING PROGRESS OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, "WHERE THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SEEM NOT TO HAVE DECIDED TO DEMONSTRATE A PARTICULAR GOOD WILL." SENEGAL'S RECURRENT PRODDING OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS EXTENDS ALSO TO DEVELOPED COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, WHICH SENEGALESE OFFICIALS HAVE CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING STATUS OF LDC'S (76 DAKAR 5510). SENEGAL MAY BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT CONSENSUS POSITIONS REACHED AT KINSHASA CONFERENCE WHICH MA NTAIN PRESSURE ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHILE HOLDING DOOR OPEN FOR CONTINUED LDC/DC DIALOGUE AND CONCERTATION. DAVIS

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